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About "Real Pentecost"

To the Editor:

I have just finished reading "Real Pentecost" in the April 8 Evangel. It is really good, and I agree one hundred percent with it but I do believe Mr. J. F. Rowlands of South Africa should have made it more plain about the noise when he stated that all this fanaticism and noise is unscriptural.

—MRS. MINNIE LOUGH
Bradenton, Florida

To the Editor:

J. F. Rowlands in the April 8 issue of the Evangel was speaking of noise and fanaticism. I don't believe in fanaticism either, but I do believe in a manifestation and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. I believe that was true at Pentecost even though they were in a sitting position. Why then did they act as drunk men? Did not the lame man that was healed at the Gate called Beautiful leap and shout? The Holy Ghost came as a mighty rushing wind. I don't believe He came quietly. I was saved out of a formal church and received this wonderful experience of the Holy Ghost and joined the Church of God. I know there are some who go to extremes, but the Church believes in the manifestation and demonstration, doesn't it? I know the Holy Ghost does all the things Brother Rowlands says He does.

—MRS. W. L. SUTHERLAND
Crows Nest, Virginia

• Author Rowlands believes heartily in the manifestations of the Holy Spirit. His objection is to confusion and disorder which are not of the Spirit.

To the Editor:

I am writing you concerning the April 8 issue of the Evangel (Macedonian Call) in which was an article entitled "Real Pentecost" by J. F. Rowlands of Durban, South Africa. This article

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has had an adverse effect in our church due to this statement: "What do we mean by Pentecost? Noise and fanaticism? Certainly not. Let it be said, emphatically, that all this fanaticism in modern-day so-called Pentecost is not only irreverent to God, but it is quite unscriptural."

I would like to make my position clear on this matter. I feel that this is one of the most needful articles and also one of the best on "What Is True Pentecost" ever written. I am also convinced that Brother Rowlands did not mean that shouting and making a joyful noise unto the Lord was unscriptural. Nevertheless, I have been unable to convince the people here that he did not mean it that way. They feel that it is a compromise not only on the part of Brother Rowlands, but has the official backing of the Publishing House and also of our general officials. I also felt that he should have explained what he meant by noise which, no doubt, would have taken the sting out of the statement.

May the Lord bless you in the wonderful work you are doing; you have our continuous backing of prayer.

—NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST

• I assure you that Brother Rowlands was not speaking disparagingly of the emotionalism that is present in our Church of God services. Brother Rowlands is very sincere and was only cautioning against emotional excess wherein the flesh may enter the worship instead of the Spirit of God.

Proud of the Evangel

To the Editor:

As I am renewing my subscription to the Evangel I will give a note of praise for the paper as it has made a weekly visit to my home for years. I have always enjoyed the good spiritual messages and still do. I think it gets better all the while. I have always been proud of the publication of the Lighted Pathway, Evangel, and the Sunday School literature. I have been privileged to read publications of other publishers but none better than ours. May God's blessings rest on the entire staff so that these good papers will keep rolling off the press to bless each reader.

—MRS. D. F. OGDEN
Odum, Ala.

Editorials

Charles W. Conn

PLANS FOR WORLD PENTECOSTAL CONFERENCE

(Cover picture)

On April 10 the Advisory Committee of the World Pentecostal Fellowship met in Kenley, England. Plans were drawn at this meeting for the Fifth World Pentecostal Conference, which is to meet in the coliseum in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 17-21, 1958.

Ten thousand delegates are expected at this great gathering of full gospel believers. The opening service will be conducted by Pentecostal young people from all over the world. Believers in many lands and of many tongues will pray that this fifth conference will be of the magnitude of those that preceded it in Stockholm, Sweden; London, England; Paris, France; Basel, Switzerland. This is the first World Pentecostal Conference to convene on the Western Hemisphere.

Seated around the conference table left to right are D. L. Williams, Church of God in Christ, U.S.A.; Paul H. Walker, Church of God, U.S.A.; Leonard Steiner, Switzerland; Donald Gee, British Assemblies of God; Samuel Nystrom, Sweden; Lewi Pethrus, Philadelphia Church of Stockholm, Sweden; John Carter, British Assemblies of God; Ralph Riggs, Assemblies of God, U.S.A.; W. E. McAlister, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

ONE WAY TO RAISE FUNDS

FACED BY HEAVY indebtedness, many churches are driven by desperation to ingenious plans for raising necessary funds. One of the most unusual inspirations to come to my attention is that which recently lifted the financial burden of the church in Athens, Tennessee. Pastor Clifford Bridges accredits the plan to the inspiration of God and states that the idea came to him while in prayer concerning the heavy indebtedness. Free labor is often given on new churches and parsonages, but the Athens Church had a new church and parsonage already. Indeed, this was the cause of the heavy indebtedness. It occurred to the pastor that if the same energy and interest could be put into the building of several nice homes, those homes could then be sold at a handsome profit, which could be applied to the back-breaking debt. The idea was presented to the church and subsequently put into action. Three beau-

tiful homes were constructed on attractive lots. The pastor and the male members and friends of the congregation labored on the project for almost a year. Most of the labor was gratis.

The unusual enterprise received a great deal of publicity from the local newspaper and the city at large. Many business houses cooperated in decorating the homes for their public showing. The homes are so lovely and well-constructed that they were sold even before they were completed.

Some persons may object that such a plan is too commercial appearing—too much like speculation in real estate—too much like mixing the secular and the divine. But note what it did. It drew the church into a concerted effort; it demonstrated to all and sundry that the Church of God does not spurn to work while it exercises its faith; it beautified its community; it lifted a congregation from the morass of debt; it demonstrated what can be accomplished by resourceful leadership and the dignity of labor.

THE OLDEST CHURCH OF GOD

THE NORTH CLEVELAND Church of God is not only the Headquarters church, but is also our oldest existing congregation. The 50th anniversary of the church was celebrated with a special day of services on May 5. The church was organized on October 10, 1906, and the original building was dedicated on September 29, 1907. Thus, the anniversary celebration fell between those two important dates.

The North Cleveland Church was antedated by five other congregations: Barney Creek, Tennessee; Camp Creek, North Carolina; Drygo, Tennessee; Jones, Georgia; and Union Grove, Tennessee, in that order. All of these earlier churches have long since disappeared from the scene. North Cleveland is left with the distinction of being the oldest of existing local congregations. But the church does not merely exist—it lives! Vigorously. Abundantly. Effectively. Victoriously.

A succession of notable pastors have given their ministry to the church: A. J. Tomlinson, F. J. Lee, J. B. Ellis, J. S. Llewellyn, T. L. McLain, S. W. Latimer, H. L. Whittington, I. C. Barrett, Aaron Keene, F. M. Waldron, M. P. Cross, R. R. Walker, W. M. Stallings, W. J. Milligan, D. B. Yow, F. R. Harrawood, James L. Slay, R. C. Cook, J. Frank Spivey, and Floyd Timmerman. Three of these pastors became general overseers, eight have served in some general executive capacity and twelve have served as state overseers.

The local church was used for ten General Assemblies, 1908-1915, 1919. In return, the local congregation worshipped in the Assembly Auditorium from 1921 until its present building was erected in 1939.

The fortunes of the North Cleveland Church have always been of great interest to the entire Church of God. Its influence has been tremendous. It still is. The *Evangel* extends its wishes for a blessed anniversary season to one of the great churches in the Pentecostal movement.

(See pictures on page 13)

OIL IS A PARADOXICAL liquid latent with fire and soothing and is symbolic of power, action and unction. Many times throughout God's Word oil is mentioned in the capacity of anointing and preparation. It is, considering these things, very closely aligned and related to the Holy Spirit of God. Wind and water which we have treated in our former discourses are, without doubt, great symbols of the Spirit, and now we deal with yet another in the form of oil. You will encounter some reality of the Spirit in every phase of the liquid you study, whether its origin, uses or ends.

In oil pumped from the ground there lies great mystery. No one can say exactly what causes it, why it is so rich, or how it ever began to flow between the strata of our earth. Man does not struggle at answering these questions but merely devises a plan to prime the pumps and strike a tap at its resources to bring it up for its intended uses. As with the wind there is also great mystery surrounding the Spirit of God. I cannot answer the questions of where it comes from, how it comes, or why. Man follows a hopeless inquiry when he tries to fathom the mysteries of God. The only thing that conscientious men should strive for is to prime the pumps of faith and from spiritual wells bring forth gushers of glory in the descendant presence of God's Holy Ghost from His throne.

Oil, whether obtained by pressing, crushing or drilling has much similarity to the Spirit from on high. Have you considered its lubricating power? By the application of oil, two materials or pieces of material that would otherwise be incompatible and stall in a deadlock of friction, are allowed to run together in harmony. All men are different. One of the marvelous things about God's creation is that men were made individuals. Though all bodies require the same basic elements of food, rest, clothing, etc., each person has a personality all his own. This reaches great and prodigious proportions when you multiply it by the 165 million Americans or the over two billion people in the world. It would be a dull world indeed if everyone spoke, thought and acted alike.

In our Christian ranks, though we are made differently, each person has a great part to play and a job to perform that is vital to the progress of Christ's kingdom. For illustration, consider this: I worked in a machine shop and my job was that of a gear maker. I ran five different kinds of machines to produce various types and sizes of grooved gears. Some were so small that I could run off 100 per hour, but some were huge and required several days to complete only one. I learned from my work there that no transmission, whether a submerged one such as that in a car or an exposed one, could run continually without oil to lubricate it. If you have a new car with perfection in designing and engineering on display and you drain the oil from the transmission, it will not be long until some gears run hot, and gripe, then stick and stall; then the teeth begin to fly so the car must stop. The oil can save such a breakdown with its lubricating force.

When you think on it, the Church is like the car.

Third in a series of four sermons:

SYMBOLS OF

We have the facilities, the book knowledge and history to follow. The vehicle is there, but the members are the transmission gears. All are cogs with a place to fill and a shaft to turn, matters not if they are big wheels or little cogs. As long as the oil of God's Spirit is in the midst of them, everything goes smooth, but if the Holy Ghost is drained from among them through the gaping holes of unbelief, strife, envy and stubbornness, it is not long until friction results and some of the gears gripe, run hot, stick, and the teeth fly; then the Church ceases to move as would please God.

The lubricating quality of oil and the Holy Spirit are further demonstrated when we think about the trumpet. This instrument and its sister, the cornet, produce some of the most beautiful tones in the musical world. It is hard for a layman to grasp the fact that all the tones he hears are produced from three valves. Yet, this is true. The secret is co-ordination and arrangement but there is one other thing that is essential, and that thing is lubrication. You can finger one position and move on to another but if the first valve sticks, then it completely overrides and obscures the ensuing notes. Our job as Christians is to sound the trumpet of God to a sleeping world. Many are the resurrection melodies written into the score by our great Conductor. Yet we may mar the final output of tone if we are not lubricated, fully saturated by the oil of God, the eternal Holy Spirit.

Lubrication stops friction. There cannot be and will not be any friction or confusion among people covered by, filled with, and controlled by the Spirit of God.

OIL HAS MANY purposes. One of its greatest qualities is its ability to become a soothing balm to soreness and pain. Turn to Luke 10:34 and see the good Samaritan as he "bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine." A dry, cracked, stenching, and painful sore can be relieved by the pouring in of oil. Is this not symbolic of God's soothing power? What can heal the bruises of warped theology; the skin of truth that has been cracked by wordful, powerless creeds; the scars left by the brazen brandishing of fanaticism? There is only one answer—the oil of God, the Holy Ghost. It comforts and soothes the soul of mortal man with the immortal touch of the Trinity as nothing else can. The factions of religion, the countless cults could be reborn into one body, their gaping sores knitted together with clean flesh if each were

THE SPIRIT — OIL —

By Joe Southerland

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stirred from within by a Holy Ghost revival. This sounds utopian, but it is very possible with God.

Is there any other to comfort the soul of the individual as this Comforter can? No! When those we love misunderstand and mistreat and malign us, when they criticize us and cast us aside, then God can and will pour His healing oil into the wounded soul. The Greeks in early times had a bath of oil, the oil coming from various herbs and roots, that was supposed to impart power to the partaker and heal his wounds and battle scars. Great men traveled from over the world to indulge in this ritual to receive relief. This was very costly and had little results; yet for free the oil of God is flowing to strengthen His own, to bind up the brokenhearted and lift from the depths of despair up to heights of happiness all who will receive. Isaiah, in chapter 61, verse 3, talking about God's great swap shop, declares that He gives "the oil of joy for mourning." This great oil flows from the press of heaven to fill the direct need of all who believe.

One of the most ancient methods of producing light known to man is the burning of oil. Many paths have been found; many ships have been saved and many minds enlightened intellectually because oil produced light. The Bible is full of references to this fact. Exodus 39:37 speaks of oil for light and Exodus 27:20 talks of "oil to cause the lamps to burn always." Our lives can be beneficial only when we become a lamp filled with this oil bringing light, warmth and aid to others. How shall men in this world stumbling in the paths of lingering lust find their way from darkness unless we bear a light? How may the ships of humanity be spared from sinking in sight of the harbor into the graveyard of the damned unless someone acts as a lighthouse? How else can teeming thousands be shown the reality of real religion if we fail to have burning brightly in our hearts the light of love kindled by the oil of the Spirit?

Outsiders do not see us rejoice under the anointing of the Spirit. They only see us as we live before them. This light-giving oil is essential in bearing witness. To further illustrate my point I would like to borrow the words of the late Sam Jones, evangelist. He said in one of his Sunday morning addresses:

A few hours ago the world was shrouded in darkness. The chickens were at roost in the trees and the cow at rest in the barn. I was asleep in bed. When God got ready to wake us up, He didn't cry out to the chickens and shake the trees; neither did He grab the cow by the horn. Likewise, neither did He knock on my door and shout, "Sam, get up!" God just took His om-

nipotent finger and flicked away the curtains of night that enfolded all in darkness and the light of His great sun coming over the eastern hills woke all of us up.

There is great truth here. Our efforts may seem futile, our labors fruitless, but if we ask of God He will fill us full of this great oil and set it afire to wake up the needy ones about us.

The anointing with oil of a prophet, priest or king embodied several significant things. It meant first that he was a chosen vessel and moreover that he was to have an unction from the Holy One. The oil symbolized power. The abundance of oil as in Aaron's case surely must stand for the everpresent and overwhelming measure He gives of His power to those who obey Him. What could be greater in this world than to be able to say with the Psalmist, "Thou anointest my head with oil"? If one is anointed, then he is set apart, unctionized and utilized. Our feeble efforts are nothing without this force. There are many great teachers, lecturers and orators in this world today who know the facts but fail to bring forth fruit because they lack the anointing of God's oil of power. As the wafers were anointed with oil under the Law, then the wafers of our words must be anointed with this oil if we reap results from our efforts. A song I was inspired to write after hearing Brother D. C. Boatwright preach a great sermon on "The Greatest One," has a verse like this:

"Words and gestures alone do not the kind of sermon make.

That will reach into the heart and sin's fetters break.

But the ones that reach the lost are the ones that overrun

With the blest anointing sweet of the Greatest One."

Who am I? Who are you? We are nothing but a finite speck of clay. Compared to the vastness of God and His unlimited power we are smaller than the microscopic germs that ply the air about us. We are helpless, hapless, hopeless, and useless unless we are saturated with this oil of power. "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Our singing, teaching, visiting, praying—anything we may do—can reach great heights and accomplish great things as we feel the moving of the Spirit of God.

It is an anointing of joy as well as power. God has always intended for His children to be happy. Psalm 45:7, "God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

This oil which I have been writing about comes, as natural oil does, by drilling, pumping, and sometimes crushing and breaking, but rest assured that it is an all-satisfying, all-powerful potion that is available to any and all. It is worth the hardest drilling through layers of unbelief. It is worth our pumping the handles of praise until we drop from exhaustion. It is also worth being crushed into a thousand pieces. May this great oil, God's power, flow into our lives in a greater measure than ever before and enhance our weak attributes, endue our prayers with the power of a streaking, flaming comet and cause us to build skyscrapers of faith where dunghills of failure have prevailed.

The

Pattern of New Testament Evangelism

By Earl J. Gilbert

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Matthew 28:19, "GO YE . . ."

"Evangelism," said Dr. Ting Champie, speaking during the 1957 Kingsport Preaching Mission, "is simply one man, for whom God has done something, telling another man about it." To some people, evangelism is a periodic revival effort with the ministry doing all of the witnessing. The value of the pulpit ministry should never be underestimated. Mass evangelism has a definite place in God's plan, but mass evangelism is incomplete without the personal witnessing of everyday, ordinary Christians. Until we put the "GO" back in the gospel, we cannot expect the great results in evangelism that the apostles had.

That period of history known as the "Dark Ages" was brought about, at least in part, by the failure of the average Christian to realize that it was his duty to personally witness to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. The church felt that the clergy was called of God and paid by the church to do their witnessing for them. Such apathy and indifference to personal responsibility eventually led to apostasy.

The Reformation was successful because the individual Christian awoke to the fact that he should be a witness for his Lord.

Lashed by the fiery tongue and pen of Martin Luther, the church awoke with a shudder that shook the world. They at last accepted the responsibility of every Christian to "GO" into all the world.

THE COMMAND OF JESUS

The orders Jesus gave His followers were militant ones. "GO," He said. "Get out into the highways and hedges, beat the bushes, and find people who will listen to your story of My deliverance. Then, after you have found them, bring them in. Compel them to come in by your own witnessing. After you bring them in, baptize them and teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

The disciples may have wondered, just as some of you may be wondering, how they were ever to accomplish the gigantic task the Lord had set for them. As if to answer that question, Jesus continued, "And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Jesus, just before going away, instructed His disciples to "tarry in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." To be told to stop and wait may have seemed strange to the disciples in the light of the immensity of the task before them. Preparation

has always preceded any worth-while task and certainly none is more important than being a personal witness for the Lord.

The purpose of their waiting was that they might be equipped with power to witness for Christ in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. The first duty of a Christian who would win souls is to "tarry until." Without the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, Jesus knew that the small band of believers would not go far in evangelizing the world. The same power of the Spirit is necessary today for effective witnessing.

THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

Jesus did His first work with individuals and smaller groups. Watch Him as He calls to Peter, James and John, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Jesus spoke to them amid the whispering of the waves against the shore of the sea, the smell of the fish in the boats and the sight of sun, sea and sky. He met them where they lived and talked to them on their own level. Great theological discourses they would not have understood, but they certainly knew about catching fish, so He challenged them on their home ground.

Had Jesus been almost any of the preachers of our day, He would have sent them word that He would be speaking in the Temple on the Sabbath. Would these rugged fishermen have been there? It is not very likely that they would have taken time from earning their living by taking fish to hear any rabbi quote other learned men concerning the responsibility of men to win others to a better way of life. When, however, Jesus addressed them in their own language, in terms which they easily understood, they were instantly alert. Why would men fish for other men? And just how would one go about fishing for men anyway? Jesus had caught them by challenging them as individuals with simple truth expressed in the most simple manner.

When Jesus saw Matthew sitting at the receipt of customs He challenged him as an individual with His call, "Follow me." With the instinctive touch of the great leader, Jesus handpicked all His closest associates. He saw them, He chose them, and He called them individually. After He called them, He took time to explain His way of life, or to teach them. Here again the personal touch is needed. Many are the churches that have failed to teach their

converts what their Christian duties and responsibilities are. Such converts soon lose their interest in spiritual things and are subsequently lost to the church.

THE EXAMPLE OF ANDREW

The first thing Andrew did was to tell his own brother about meeting the Lord. Have you witnessed to your own family? Or are you waiting for someone else to win them to Christ? Andrew felt that it was his personal responsibility to tell Peter about Jesus. By his own enthusiastic approach, he aroused the interest of his brother. Then, he invited him to come along and meet his wonderful Friend.

The same pattern of evangelism will work today as well as it did then. Many public meetings are poorly attended by sinners because no one has told them that Jesus will be there to help them.

What is the responsibility of the individual Christian in soul-winning today? Shall we wait for some special type of evangelist to come along and win our relatives and friends to Christ? Is it enough to let the pastor carry all the burden for the souls of men? The generals are necessary in any army, but no battles can be won without privates in the front lines.

THE EXAMPLE OF THE EARLY CHURCH

Jesus said to "go." The disciples obeyed orders. They went directly to the city of Jerusalem and took up their vigil in the Upper Room, waiting for the promise of the Father. When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were still there in the Upper Room worshipping and waiting. They were not disappointed. The power to witness came upon them just as Jesus had promised.

Immediately they began to witness to others of the various nations of the world gathered together in Jerusalem. They could not have witnessed to such a multitude in the Upper Room. It was far too small to accommodate so many. The 120 must have gone out into the streets of Jerusalem telling the marvelous story of what Jesus had done for them.

It was only after the hearts of the multitude were prepared by the testimony of the believers that God anointed a man named Peter to preach to them the message of salvation. After such preparation, the message of the apostle found ready and receptive hearts. The Holy Spirit impelled the mighty message into their hearts and they cried out, "What must we do to be saved?" The harvest that day was 3,000 souls. It came, however, not by accident or by wishful thinking. It came as a result of consecration, endowment with power, personal evangelism, preaching, and prayer. The same pattern will be effective today, but to leave out any of its parts is to invite defeat in our efforts at evangelism.

THE PROBLEM TODAY

We Christians are neglecting our duty of daily witnessing. Too many are leaving the business of soul-saving to the ministry. From this attitude comes the fruitless revival efforts we have one after another. After we are saved, God expects us to learn and

to practice personal evangelism. It is only in this way that every Christian can have a part in the work of the church, for there are not enough other offices to go around.

After the first joyous efforts of the early Church to be witnesses for Christ, the average Christian became too occupied with his own affairs to go into "Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

They were too satisfied rejoicing in Jerusalem to go anywhere else. To awaken the Church, God had to allow persecution to come upon them. James was beheaded, Stephen was stoned to death, and the other disciples were scattered everywhere. It was only when tragedy befell them that they took up their interrupted task of world evangelism.

The Church of God has accepted the challenge of world evangelism in our day. Efforts are being made by the leaders of the Church to awaken both ministry and laity to the necessity of personal witnessing. If that effort is futile, God may have to use other measures to shake us out of our lethargy and unconcern. God is not mocked. What God has given us He can take away if it takes such measures to awaken us. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness . . ." is still the command of the Lord for His Church.

After the scattering of the early Church, all went well for a time. The time came, however, when the zeal of the average Christian faded. The believers were divided into two camps, the active workers of the Church, the clergy, and the passive recipients of the graces of the Church, the laity. The gospel light burned low, flickered, and almost burned out. The world was plunged into the gloom of the Dark Ages.

Any revival is the product of the efforts of both ministry and laity. There can be no general awakening until every Christian becomes an active worker for Christ. The sooner, therefore, that you "go" into your little part of "all the world," the sooner revival will come to your church, your nation, and your world.





ALL THE SCRIPTURES were written for the edification, guidance, blessing and salvation of the human race, which statement leaves infinitely more to be said even on this one point. There are certain gems of the Holy Writ which are obviously directed to those minority churches which are in every sense "full-gospel," with special emphasis on the blessed Holy Ghost baptism, with the expression of the gifts, the fruits, and so forth, integral in the life of the Church. This certainly involves every member of the Church of God deeply.

Among such passages, one out of the mouth of the Word and the Truth Himself is surely of outstanding significance and import to every one of us in the Church of God. A repeated study of John 15:1-6 should assist individual members to realize their responsibility to Jesus, the Church, and to themselves, in the particular direction in which Jesus would here direct our attention. Jesus is telling us in language we should understand that we ordinary members of the Church cannot leave evangelism, labor among sinners, and all that this involves, to our ministers, evangelists and exhorters. If we do so, He makes it clear we do not abide in Him. I believe that is the essence of John 15:1: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

Are You a FRUIT?

Lord Jesus leaves us in no doubt that we are indicated: "I am the vine, ye are the branches," verse 5. In the same verse He definitely states that if we abide in Him we inevitably produce fruit, which is another way of saying that if we do not produce fruit, then we do not truly abide in Him. In other words we cannot be full Christians unless we are fruitful.

We must allow that Jesus may have had other, and relative, "fruits" in mind, but we must all agree that in the forefront is His concern for those lost and dying ones to save whom He went through hell, and untold agony, humility and a ghastly death. There are correlative exhortations to such as we from His gracious lips; for instance: "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few" (Luke 10:2). This appeal is repeated for emphasis by both Matthew and John.

If we consider the main function and reason behind the fruit creation and propagation, we can better grasp Jesus' meaning. The flesh of most fruit is good, even delicious, and nourishing to us, but that is not Nature's primary reason for producing that sweet flesh. This not only encloses and protects the seed in its development to maturity, but even when the fruit is ripe and falls to the ground, that flesh in its very decomposition acts as a nourishing medium to the seedlings. Thus we see that, although God made most fruits to nourish us and a pleasure to eat, this is actually a secondary consideration, the first being to assure the extension and broadcasting of seed so that an ever greater fruit harvest is assured.

Similarly as workers for the Lord—and every Holy Ghost-baptized member should be a worker—we must place ourselves, and everything we have and are, secondary to the work of sowing the seed of the Word in the hearts and minds of lost and dying sinners, so that an "ever greater harvest of souls is assured for the Lord's wondrous salvation and regeneration. Hallelujah!

IF WE CHURCH OF GOD members wish to bring home to ourselves how certain figures prove that we are not truly abiding in Jesus in the sense He implies in the portion of Scripture under consideration, i.e., in failure to produce the "fruits" dearest to His great heart, we have simply to turn to page 19 of the *Minutes* of the General Assembly for 1956. Our total membership on July 1, 1956, is given as 288,737. The total increase for the year was 9,984. If this is not a reflection on all of us—and at the same time a challenge—from general overseer down

ITFUL BRANCH?

By J. F. Barrett

Barbados, B. W. I.

to the last and youngest Holy Ghost-baptized member, then nothing ever will be a reflection or a challenge.

These figures talk and cannot be disputed. We had 5,544 ministers and exhorters July 1, 1955. If each of these had an average harvest of souls to the extent of two each year, that would more than account for the increase. That is something to weep over, dear brothers and sisters. If this were so, then it would mean that no ordinary member brought even one sinner to the feet of Jesus during a whole year. This is too bad to be true. We have to look a little deeper.

We have to allow that the increase given is a net figure. The gross figure would allow for members passing over to be with Jesus, for backsliders, for others leaving the Church because of the devil's successful interest in them, and for other less unhappy reasons. Let us be generous and allow that the gross increase for the year was around 25,000. Even so, our ministers, evangelists, and exhorters would only have to average four to five converts each for the year to account for the gross increase. Here then is the evidence in figures that we members have been fruitless in the sense Jesus desires us to be fruitful. These figures must cry out to some of our ministers and exhorters and should hurt some of them until they cry out and tell Jesus they will get the converts or die in the effort.

By a process of elimination I arrived at a figure of 150,000 as the number of members throughout the organization that could be called active and so held responsible for bearing "fruit." Until we do that, we cannot claim to be full and true followers of the Lord Jesus. If each one of these, including the writer, definitely brought one convert to Jesus by personal evangelism each year, just imagine what that would do to the membership figures in future General Assembly Minutes. If each convert were in turn impressed and inspired to make himself also responsible for even one sinner brought to Jesus each year, that would, in a few years, mean the "millions more for Jesus," or a goodly portion thereof.

I would venture the opinion that one convert per month for each member could be scarcely regarded as an ambitious ideal. Let that be the aim, then the one convert per year will be made doubly sure. Yes, we well know that to get a soul converted is one thing, and to get that soul to become a faithful and constant church member is another. All the more reason we should determine to bring in one convert per month at least. Help us, dear Lord!

We well know, all of us, that our King Jesus will count as infinitely preferable and pleasing, one repentant sinner brought to Him through our personal efforts, than all the remainder of our works and self-sacrifice for His cause. The suggested slogan on the imaginary banner we shoulder as we sally forth is: "I'm in the battle for the Lord." Strengthen us, Lord Jesus! The urgency we feel must be related to the soon-coming of the King of Kings, the glorious Rapture, and the closing of the period of grace. The responsibility for lost souls must rest upon our Church perhaps even more fully and deeply than upon others. We simply have to cease failing Jesus as "branches," and we can certainly go out for success in His strength: "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." Philipians 4:13.

Our perfect Jesus took care to have that "harvest" and "reaping" allegory mentioned in the great book of Revelation, chapter 14, verses 14, 15. We must to some extent take upon ourselves, as "branches" of the "vine" of Jesus, part of the operation of that "sickle" of the Lord referred to after the angel cries: "For the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe." Glory to the Lion of Judah!

The Book of Life may soon be closed forever. Let us be haunted by the cries of the lost and see the

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HE HAS FORGIVEN YOU ALL YOUR SINS: CHRIST HAS UTTERLY WIPED OUT THE DAMNING EVIDENCE OF BROKEN LAWS AND COMMANDMENTS WHICH ALWAYS HUNG OVER OUR HEADS, AND HAS COMPLETELY ANNULLED IT BY NAILING IT OVER HIS OWN HEAD ON THE CROSS. COL. 2:14 (NIV. 75)

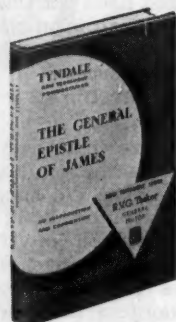
The charge against us



drip-dripping of the blood on Calvary, until we each meet the annual minimum responsibility of bringing one sinner to the Lord for salvation. Hurt and disturb us, dear Lord, until you know we are fully awake and responsive to your call on us to be "fruitful branches." Wonder of wonders, Jesus cannot do

His work without us, meaning His work of redemption. How humiliating, and at the same time exalting, is that tremendous responsibility. We have to go half way on our own volition, so that Jesus can come His half, and thus assure us of victory in Him in this battle for lost souls. Glory to God forever!

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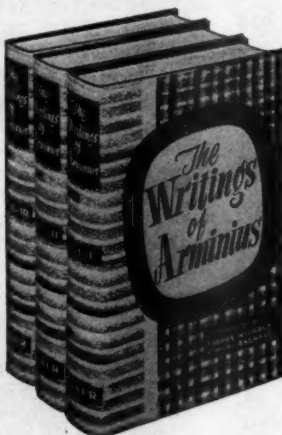
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Healed After Home Accident

WINFIELD, Tenn. — I hit the bridge of my nose with a pair of wire pliers and it gave me a black eye. The upper part of my face was so swollen that I could hardly see. Fever blisters came all over my mouth. I lay 3 days on my back. I could not stand anything to touch my ears. The children had to raise me up. I did not have a doctor even though some wanted to take me to the doctor. I thank God for my pastor and his wonderful wife, Brother and Sister Roscoe Scott. They were so faithful to come and pray for my healing. Afterward I had a good talk with the Lord, telling Him I was in His hands and that I was not going to a doctor even if I must die. He was not ready for me, so I began to get better. I desire the prayers of God's children.

—Mrs. Frances Barnett

Child Healed of Whooping Cough

LAURENS, S. C.—I thank God for healing my baby of whooping cough when he was about six weeks old. The doctor gave him up and said there was nothing else he could do for him. Then I called on God and I promised the Lord if He would heal my baby I would serve Him and testify of His healing power. Now that same baby is two years old and doing fine. Praise God. Since then God has healed the sick in my family many times; it is a wonderful thing to be able to call on God for help. Praise the Lord.

—Mr. Allen Bible

Operation Unnecessary After Prayer

TWIN CITY, Ga. — I want to thank Jesus for His healing power. He has healed me so many times. About three years ago the doctor said my eyes would have to be operated on, but the church members prayed for me and the Lord moved on the scene and my eyes are so much better. I am still trusting Jesus. My daughter was healed of tuberculosis and I thank God for that. I desire your prayers.

—Lela Campbell

Healed Many Times Since Giving Heart to God

FITZGERALD, Ga.—I was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and joined the Church



healing

of God over two years ago. During this time I have been healed by the Lord many times. Recently, I had the measles and even though I was well in a week I was told that sometimes measles affected the eyes. During that week I was sick only about one half of one day, while one lady, who was much older than I, was in bed five weeks. After I was allowed to go back to work the next week, one night we went to Ocilla to a revival at the Church of God.

My eyes had burned a couple of times when they had been tired, so I asked the people to pray for me. God healed me and my eyes do not bother me at all.

Also, before I was saved I had sick headaches very often. Since my conversion I have had a headache about two times, and God moved it through prayer both times. I am glad we are serving a healing God. But most of all I am glad He is a saving God, able to save us and thereby put us into a walk of life where we can see miracles worked, prayers answered, souls saved; where we can shout and sing and cry in the Spirit.

I am glad for this opportunity to witness and testify for Jesus. I desire your prayers to serve God with all of my heart as long as I live.

—Shirley Hester

Healed While Praying Alone at Home

ODUM, Ga.—I am a sister in Christ and belong to the Church of God in Odum, Georgia. I belonged to the Methodist church since 1908 and in 1932 I joined the Church of God in Odum. I was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I want to praise the Lord for healing me of arthritis, gall bladder trouble, diabetes and a cancerous tumor. I got really sick three years ago and was prayed for in one of Brother J. B. Roberson's services in a revival at the Odum Church of God and was healed. The doctor had said that I would have to take shots and go on a diet as long as I lived, but I

did not want to take the shots, so I prayed and begged the Lord to heal me. The next morning right in my bedroom alone, the sweetest spirit came over me saying, "I have taken care of you 68 years and can continue to if you will trust me." I said, "Thank you, Jesus." I didn't take the shots or go on a diet either and I was healed. Praise the Lord. I have been able to do my housework ever since. A knot came on my chest and the doctor said it was a cancerous tumor and insisted that I have it removed. I told them I was too old for that and the Lord would take care of me. In one of Brother J. B. Roberson's healing services I was wonderfully healed and I give the Lord all the praise. I could do nothing without the Lord. I am living by faith in Jesus. Saints, pray for me that I will be faithful and true.

—Mrs. Maude Aspinwall

Hearing Restored

APALACHICOLA, Fla.—Just last week my hearing was almost gone and had been for two or three days. I sent a request to the *Evangelist* and almost before the request had been received, I had begun to regain my hearing. So I have my normal hearing again, for which we thank the Lord. This Scripture must have been fulfilled at this time; Isaiah 65:24, "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer." Keep praying for us.

—Rev. S. R. Williams

Minister Is Healed of Ulcers

FRESNO, Calif.—April 1, on Saturday night, I went to the Church of God Temple and it seemed that heaven came down and kissed the earth. I had been sick for six months with bleeding ulcers. I had lost 38 pounds. I praise God for healing me and I want to give Him all the praise. I had to resign my church in Selma six months ago, but now I am feeling fine.

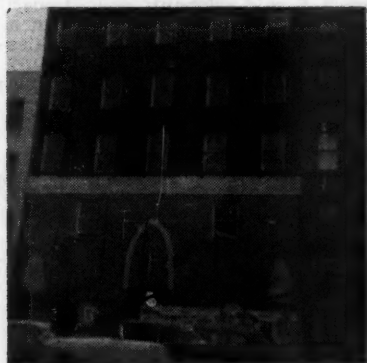
—R. O. Woodruff

From the Spanish Work of the Church of God, East of the Mississippi

Grand Parade, Inauguration and Dedictory Service

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.—It is with real pleasure that we inform the readers of the Church of God *Evangel* that after a year of hard work in the reconstruction of our new building, located at 2135-37 Third Avenue, New York City, we celebrated our inauguration and dedicatory service the first Saturday in April, 1957.

For the past 18 years we had worshiped at our church at 51 E. 112th Street under the apt leadership of our pastors, the Reverend



This is one of the pictures that was taken in front of the pulpit.

and Mrs. Juan L. Lugo, where the Lord blessed us abundantly, saving souls and baptizing with the Holy Ghost.

We started our day of jubilee at 1:30 p.m. at our old building, where the pastors and members of our congregation met, as well as

other members of other congregations affiliated with the Church of God. After singing praises to the Lord, we started our parade, under the direction of the Reverend Antonio Collazo, marshall for the parade. We marched to our new building triumphantly as our band played "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and other well-known hymns. About 600 born-again Christians marched, thus testifying en masse of the wonderful saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In our new building we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon service, with musical selections played by our band, hymns by our choir, stimulating words from visiting workers and ministers of the Church of God, as well as a powerful message by the Reverend Henry C. Stoppe, which culminated with the wonderful manifestation of the Holy Ghost, invading our souls with power and happiness.

This wonderful feeling prevailed with each one of us, and we enjoyed our night service with a wonderful, powerful and spiritual ceremony of dedication. This was officiated by the Reverend Henry C. Stoppe, assisted by the Reverend James A. Cross, who brought us a spiritual, breath-taking sermon, filled with the power of God.

Among the visiting ministers were the Reverend James A. Cross, Assistant General Overseer; the Reverend Henry C. Stoppe, Overseer of the Spanish Work East of the Mississippi; the Reverend Antonio Collazo, Overseer of Work in Puerto Rico; the Reverend Madison W. Sindle, Overseer of New York, and his wife and daughter; the Reverend Ralph A. Wilson, pastor of the Church of God, New Britain, Connecticut, and his wife.

The Lord has helped us to obtain a building valued at more than \$115,000, on which we still owe a little over \$45,000. However, we are confident that He who owns the gold and the silver of the world will keep on helping us.

We still have a long way to go, and we need your prayers and your help. Please pray that we may gain a large number of the 550,000 Spanish-speaking people in New

York City. Jesus wants to save them.

Our pastors, who for over 40 years have worked arduously and faithfully in the cause of the Lord, need your prayers and moral support. —*Dinah Figueroa, reporter*

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Progress Under Pastor's Leadership

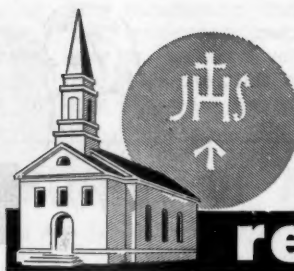
RUPERT, W. Va. — We are happy to report that the Rupert church is on the move for God. We deeply and sincerely thank the Lord for our pastor, the Reverend T. D. Kennedy, and his good wife. They have surely been laborers together with us. Since they came to us July 1, 1956, we have paid \$931.50 on our church indebtedness, which leaves a balance of \$862.49. The Junior W. W. B. bought a living room suite for the parsonage at the cost of \$218, which they paid in six months. The L. W. W. B. finished paying a \$216 debt on the piano. Not only has God blessed financially, but He has blessed spiritually as well. We have just closed a very successful revival with the Reverend Johnny Warren as our evangelist. Twelve were saved, 8 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 14 united with the Church. Our previous Sunday School record was broken twice. Brother Warren is the best Y.P.E. and Sunday School worker I have ever seen. I am sure he would be a blessing to any church.

—*L. D. Crane, Clerk*

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Pastor Impressed by Visit to Missions Field

Nassau, quaint, antiquated, foreign, yet rich in Old World courtesy and tradition, is the picturesque capital of the Bahamas and headquarters for the 37th Annual Convention of the Church of God in the Bahamas. When our plane settled on the runway of Oakes Field in Nassau, it was difficult



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to realize that an hour's flight from Florida across the blue waters of the Gulf Stream, and the azure waters of the Atlantic Ocean could take us so far away from modern America, with its broad streets, big cars and high buildings.

Bishop E. Ray Kirk, Superintendent of the Church of God in the Bahamas, browned handsomely by the Bahamian sun, smiled broadly and waved encouragingly as we lined up to face the corps of customs officers waiting to examine our luggage contents.

Brother Kirk, driving on the left side of the road, pointed out many scenic and historical points of interest. We were quick to realize that though he had been here only six months, the ability he demonstrated in showing us these places and telling us many of the valuable and historical facts, revealed his love for and adaptability to the Isles of Perpetual June.

The Church of God auditorium was the scene of great activity. A spirit of excitement and expectancy prevailed. The atmosphere seemed charged with the same spirit radiating from the shining faces of the hundreds already gathering for the convention.

My ministry, which I trust shall continue until Jesus comes, has been punctuated with this unforgettable opportunity, to preach, teach and minister to those wonderful people. "Wonderful people" yes, when you know they came in small boats across open, dangerous waters, some traveling for days to get to the annual convention where they would have few changes of clothes and practically no money to spend.

Jerry Dorman and I feel this convocation was great because of the untiring willingness to work of Brother and Sister Kirk and Jimmy, Betty Craughn, and the host pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Wolfe, who all entertained us royally the short time we were with them.

—Walter R. Pettitt
Pastor, Ft. Mill, S. C.

Church Reports Financial Increase

LOGAN, W. Va.—The Church of God at Logan, West Virginia, has been on the increase in spirituality, attendance and offering. We surpassed previous tithing records in the month of March with \$2,003.87. All departments of the church are cooperating in the great effort of building a new church soon. The Y.P.E., Sunday School and Willing Workers each have raised \$500 toward the new church. The church is growing under the leadership of our fine pastor and his wife whom we appreciate very much, the Reverend and Mrs. Ray Morgan.

—Margaret Cox

OLDEST CHURCH OF GOD CONGREGATION OBSERVES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

(See editorial on page 3)



Morning service at North Cleveland Church of God, Homecoming Day, May 5. Participating ministers are seated on platform.



Dinner on the ground, between the church building and the youth center. The pastor, Floyd Timmerman is in the foreground at the right of the picture.

PAYNE

Sister Minnie Payne, born July 16, 1882, passed away on February 20, 1957. She leaves to mourn her loss 1 son, 5 daughters, a sister, a host of grandchildren and many friends. She was one of the charter members of the Church of God at Alabama City, Alabama. Her life was a constant inspiration to the church and to all who knew her. She believed in living up to the standard of Bible holiness. She had been in the Church of God 47 years and trusted God with her body. She had never used a remedy and went out to meet the Lord talking in tongues and praising God. The church will greatly miss her. She was ill only 5 days before she departed this life. We expect to meet her again in a glorified body. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Brother A. V. Beabe, and Brother Joe James, pastor at Jacksonville, Alabama.

—Lovie Mosteller

RITTER

Sister Beckie Ritter passed away March 15, 1957. She was 65 years of age. She was a devoted church member at the Hazlehurst, Georgia, Church of God.

—Mrs. R. L. Moseley, sister

PALMER

Reverend George H. Palmer, of Seaford, Delaware, died January 17, 1956. He was a licensed minister in the Church of God.

—Clarence Denson, Overseer Georgia Colored Work

NIX

Mrs. Parilee A. Nix passed away May 7, 1957, after a long illness. The funeral was conducted at the Highland, Arkansas, Church and burial was in the Highland cemetery. I feel that God was fair in claiming her in death, for her illness brought much suffering and agony. She is sadly missed by all who knew her.

—Chester Nix

FAILE

James E. Faile, of Warrentville, South Carolina, died April 12, 1957. He was a licensed minister in the Church of God.

—H. B. Ramsey
Overseer of South Carolina

COOK

Mrs. Cora Cook, a charter member of the Plainview Church of God, departed this life May 6, 1957.

She was 74 years, 11 months, and 10 days old. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, the Reverend R. S. Sullivan, assisted by her former pastor, the Reverend W. W. Yoder, and the local youth director, David Turner. She was a devoted Christian and loyal member. She will be greatly missed. Persons like Sister Cook make church work a greater blessing.

—R. S. Sullivan, pastor

ANDERSON

Henry Anderson, a faithful member of the Silverton, Oregon, Church of God, passed away May 6, 1957, at the age of 85. Brother Anderson has passed from our view, but he still lives in our memory. His influence for Christ and His church lives on, for he was a humble servant of Christ Jesus.

—D. B. Rogers, pastor

ASHER

Della Asher, licensed minister in the Church of God, passed away April 29, 1957. Her home was in Lamesa, California.

—Ralph E. Williams
Overseer of California

DOOLITTLE

W. E. Doolittle, of Greenwood, South Carolina, died May 8, 1957. He was a licensed minister in the Church of God.

—H. B. Ramsey
Overseer of South Carolina

GREEN

On the morning of March 24, 1957, the Lord saw fit to call from this life our dear Sister Virginia Green. She was a member of the Church of God in Newberry, Florida. She was 75 years of age and was the wife of William F. Green. Sister Green had been a loyal and faithful member of the church since 1926. She was looked upon as the "Mother" of the Newberry Church since she began a prayer meeting in her home, which resulted in the church's being organized. On March 26, her funeral was conducted in the Church of God at Newberry by the Reverend

E. W. Harrington, assisted by the Reverend Donald K. Koon, her pastor. Sister Green is survived by her husband, 3 sons, 4 daughters, 26 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

—Rev. Donald K. Koon, pastor

VAUGHN

Sister Mary Annie Vaughn departed this life on March 22, 1957, at the age of 72. She was a good Christian and loved to go to church, but had been unable to attend for some time. She was a member of the Church of God at Clarks Chapel in Point, Texas, for a number of years. She was loved by all who knew her. She is survived by 1 daughter, 3 sons, 1 step-daughter and 1 step-son, and a host of friends and loved ones. Her funeral was conducted by the Reverend W. M. Carnes at the Clarks Chapel Church.

—Bessie Ivy

WILLIAMS

On December 3, 1956, death claimed Brother George Williams, of Gainesville, Georgia. He was the church clerk for a number of years until in 1953, when he had to give it up because of failing health. He is survived by his wife, Sister Virginia Williams, and many other relatives and friends. His funeral was conducted in the Church of God by his pastor, the Reverend B. D. Gore, assisted by the Reverend Howard Sorrow and the Reverend R. L. Stancil. May God bless this bereaved family in this hour of sorrow.

—B. D. Gore, pastor (former)

GREENE

We are very sad to report the death of our Sister Zettie Greene, who passed away March 27, 1957. She was a good faithful member and a good youth and Sunday School teacher. She was loved by everybody and she loved everyone. She has said so many times that she was homesick for heaven. She has gone to be with Jesus. She is sadly missed by the Bay Minette Church of God.

—C. R. Turner, pastor



Camp Meeting Schedule — 1957

(Name of evening speaker in parentheses)

State—Date—Place

- Alabama—July 1-7—Campground, Birmingham (Ray H. Hughes)
- Arizona—June 3-7—Tucson Local Church, 100 Ajo Way (R. J. Johnson)
- Arkansas—July 15-20—Campground, Bald Knob (D. C. Boatwright)
- California—Nevada—June 17-23—Fairgrounds, Tulare, California (R. J. Johnson)
- Colorado—Utah—June 17-21—Assembly of God Campground, Littleton, Colorado (L. E. Painter)
- Florida—June 11-19—Campground, Wimauma (G. W. Lane)
- Georgia—July 1-7—Campground, Doraville (C. R. Spain)
- Idaho—June 10-16—Baptist Youth Camp, Post Falls
- Illinois—June 17-23—Campground, Benton (James L. Slay)
- Indiana—July 2-6—Austin Local Church (Vep Ellis)
- Iowa—July 31-August 4—Free Methodist Campground, Birmingham (V. B. Rains)
- Kansas—June 24-30—Wichita Local Church, 1704 S. Santa Fe (Dan Drake)
- Kentucky—July 1-6—Campground, Lexington (J. E. DeVore)
- Louisiana—June 24-29—West Monroe High School, Auditorium (A. V. Beaube)
- Maryland-Delaware-Washington, D.C.—July 29-August 4—Campground, Hurlock, Maryland (Lindsey Pratt)
- Michigan—August 12-17—Campground, Fenton (James L. Slay)
- Mississippi—June 17-21—Hattiesburg Local Church, 1001 Edwards Street (Ray H. Hghes)
- Missouri—August 5-10—Campground, Leadwood (Vep Ellis)
- Montana—July 4-7—Campground, Livingston (Paul Laverne Walker)
- Nebraska—June 27-29—Lincoln Local Church, 834½ North 27th Street (James A. Cross)
- New England States—July 22-28—Campground, Appleton, Maine (T. L. Forester)
- New Jersey—July 25-28—Millville Local Church, 14 Mulberry Street (James A. Cross)
- New Mexico—June 27-30—Carlsbad Local Church, 206 S. Walnut Street (day services); Mine Mill Auditorium (evening services) (Earl P. Paulk)
- New York—July 25-27—Bayridge Church, Brookline, N. Y. (H. D. Williams)
- North Carolina—July 1-7—Campground, Charlotte (Wade H. Horton)
- North and South Dakota—June 25-30—Campground, Minot, North Dakota (John Smith)
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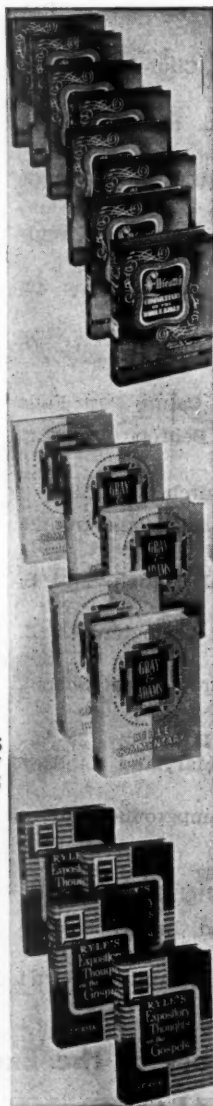
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